

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**CALIFORNIA WATER COMMISSION**

1416 NINTH STREET, P.O. BOX 942836
SACRAMENTO, CA 94236-0001
(916) 651-7501



Joseph Byrne
Chair

October 18, 2013

Joe Del Bosque
Vice Chair

Paul Massera

Andrew Ball
Member

California Water Plan Update 2013

California Department of Water Resources

P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 95436-0001

Daniel Curtin
Member

Kimberley Delfino
Member

Dear Mr. Massera:

Luther Hintz
Member

Adán Ortega, Jr.
Member

David Orth
Member

Anthony Saracino
Member

The California Water Commission (Commission) wishes to provide general comments on Volume 1 of the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2013 (CWP 2013). The Commission would like to commend the California Water Plan staff and the many stakeholders who actively participated in development of the CWP 2013 on their efforts. The resulting CWP Strategic Plan is a robust plan that sets the path forward towards sustainable, integrated water management, a healthy environment, and economic stability for California.

Sue Sims
Executive Officer

The Commission appreciated the opportunity to participate in the update process as part of the State Agency Steering Committee. The collaborative environment fostered by the planning process sets the stage for productive collaboration among agencies at all levels of government and varied stakeholders.

The Commission strongly supports the three major themes featured in the CWP Update 2013 to 1) advance Integrated Water Management, 2) strengthen government agency alignment, and 3) invest in innovation and infrastructure. The goals and strategies of the Commission's Strategic Plan 2012, which is a featured State plan in the CWP 2013, align closely with these major themes.

The Commission recognizes that no single agency has sufficient responsibility, authority, expertise, or resources to ensure natural resources stewardship throughout California; solutions must be integrated across geographic and jurisdictional boundaries. A shared vision for the future, with coordinated priorities, will allow the State to strategically and systematically invest in the highest priority, multi-benefit water management and infrastructure projects, and achieve sustainable water management solutions.

Mr. Paul Massera
October 18, 2013
Page 2

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the plan and we look forward to the opportunity to work together in the future to achieve a more sustainable water future for all Californians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Byrne", is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Joe Byrne
Chair, California Water Commission

cc: Mark Cowin, Director, Department of Water Resources
Gary Bardini, Integrated Water Management Deputy Director, Department of Water Resources
Kamyar Guivetchi, Manager, Statewide Integrated Water Management, Department of Water Resources